Proposal for grants under various heads to Chhattisgarh

†4460. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received by his Ministry from the State of Chhattisgarh during January, 2003-March, 2005 for the grants under various heads and the details thereof;

(b) the number of proposals accorded approval and those lying pending;

(c) the reasons for delay; and

(d) by when they are likely to be accorded approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) Twelve proposals have been received from the Government of Chhattisgarh under Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY) for implementation of Special Projects. Out of these two proposals have been sanctioned, two proposals have been returned to the State Government and remaining eight proposals are under consideration. Appraisal and approval are continuous process and are not linked with the financial year. Similarly, under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) the proposals amounting to Rs. 888.85 crore have been cleared and no proposals of Chhattisgarh State is pending under PMGSY.

Progress of PMGSY in Bihar

†4461. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status and progress of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in Bihar and the amount so far spent for construction under this scheme along with the length in kilometers of roads constructed; and

(b) the amount yet to be spent against this scheme and the length of roads in kilometers to be still constructed along with the details of the time frame thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) The Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) is being implemented in Bihar since 2000-01. There are 42,286 rural habitations, out of which eligible unconnected habitations are 17,920. This includes 11,717 habitations of 1000+ population and 6,203 habitations of 500-999 population. It is estimated that the total road length required to connect eligible unconnected habitations in Bihar is about 33,350 kms.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The status and progress of PMGSY for Phase-I and Phase-II is as follows:

	Phase-I (2000-01)	Phase-II (2001—03)*
Value of Proposals cleared (Rs. in crore)	149.89	302.98
Amount released (Rs. in crore)	149.90	210.00
Expenditure upto March, 2005 (Rs. in crore)	109.20	159.83
No. of road works cleared	298	670
No. of road works completed (upto March, 2005)	150	136
Length of road works completed (upto march, 2005)	440.18	266.43

*Road works for the two years were cleared together for all States.

Rural Roads being a State-subject, the implementation of the programme is done by the State Government. Since the progress of works in phase-I and Phase-II was hampered by constraints of executional capacity, the Ministry of Rural Development agreed to the engagement of Central Agencies for execution of work of Phase-III (2003-04) onwards at the request of the State Government on 28th June. 2004. The Government of Bihar has now engaged five Executing Agencies. These are National buildings Construction Corporation Ltd. (NBCC), National Projects Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC), National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC), IRCON International Limited (IRCON) and Central Public Works Department (CPWD). With four of these agencies, tripartite agreement for implementation of PMGSY has been signed on 31.8.2005. The CPWD has agreed to implement the programme through exchange of letters vide letter dated 29.10.2004. So far, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) prepared by these agencies have been approved for 76 road works involving 739.26 kms. length for a value of Rs. 207.05 crore. The Executing Agencies have already invited tenders for 675.70 km. length for DPRs worth Rs. 190.80 crore.

Old-age-pension

4462. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many elderly persons are getting old-age-pensions in different states; (State-wise break-up);